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building. Proper supervision was impossible in such an institution. Under the Education Code only 380 boys could go into it, as against its present strength of 600 boys. Many pupils had also been refused admission. A Government site was available and the necessity for a pucka building was imperative. The same was more or less the case with the Kayankulam Elementary School also, for which land had been acquired six years ago. Proper buildings should be constructed for both the institutions and he requested that early action might be taken in the matter.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

126. The raising of the standard of the Lower Grade Secondary School at Kayankulam to the Higher Grade.

Mr. E. N. Kesava Pillai, B. A. (Member, T. I. C., Kayankulam) said that the necessity for a Higher Grade Secondary School was much felt by the people of Kayankulam. The town, on account of its large volume of land trade and the presence of a large number of public offices, was rising in importance. It was situated centrally for the taluks of Karunagappalli, Karthikappalli and Mavelikara. There were at present one Higher Grade and one Lower Grade Secondary School at Mavelikara and a Lower Grade Secondary School at Haripad. There were also Recognised Higher Grade Secondary Schools at Haripad, Mavelikara and Mannar. The Member therefore proposed that the Departmental Higher Grade Secondary School at Mavelikara might be shifted to Kayankulam. The transfer would not seriously affect Mavelikara as there were Recognised Higher Grade Secondary Schools at Mavelikara itself, at Mannar, two miles to the north, and at Haripad, four miles to the west.

A Higher Grade Secondary School at Kayankulam would be more useful to the inhabitants of the Karunagappalli taluk and the northern *pakuthies* of the Kunnathur taluk. Also the existing Lower Grade Secondary School at Kayankulam could be shifted to Karunagappalli, where there was none. There was no building constructed for the school at Mavelikara and no special site need be acquired at Kayankulam.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

127. The need for a Lower Grade Secondary School at Punalur.

Mr. Padmanabhan Parameswaren (Member, Pathanapuram taluk) said that the educationally backward condition of the people of the taluk did not require much expatiation. There could not be found many head-quarters of taluks which had not an English school; but Punalur had none. The need for a school had been repeatedly brought to the notice of the Government in the Assembly. It might be said that the school at Kottārakara, which had Railway connection with Punalur, should meet the requirements of the taluk. Within an area of about 60 sq. miles, Kottarakara was the only place where there was a school. At no time, therefore, would there be accommodation for all the boys that might take the trouble of going there. He therefore requested that a Lower Grade Secondary School, with classes up to Form II, should at once be established by the Government at Punalur. There was a salt bankshall building available, now used as the office of the Excise Inspector. That office could, without inconvenience, be shifted to a room in

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